

where they are most needed, and by workers I mean the judges. So if we have a scratch...an itch, the Legislature, doing what the judges want, will add a new hand. So you get an itch on the left foot, they add a new hand, a new judge, and scratch that itch. The itch moves up to the knee, add another new hand or a judge, you scratch that itch. In the meantime, the itch on the foot has gone away and there's no longer a need for a judge, so we got a judge sitting out there, like a sixth toe that's not needed and wasn't needed in the first place. Instead of adding a new hand every time there is an itch, put the whole system into a bath. Give the whole system a bath and end the itches once and for all. I am in agreement with what Senator Beutler has been trying to do, but it's doubtful that it will be done this session. In fact, I know it's not going to be done this session, there's not even a bill to attempt to do that. But I think it would be a grave error for the Legislature to add all these judges. Right now, I'm just talking about the juvenile judges, and specifically the judge...the juvenile judge that's to be added in Douglas County. There is no sound basis for a Legislature to put another judge there. If you have four corners to a house, each of those corners is vulnerable. You're going to station a sentry at each corner of the house, and each sentry is to be alert against marauders, and three of them are alert, and the fourth one goes to sleep, are you going to add a fifth sentry to stand where the fourth one is, or just to try to jog the fourth one to wake her up? No, you get rid of that unfaithful, nonperforming sentry. Then you replace that one. But if you're not going to have a replacement and you're only going to add an additional one, there is a superfluous sentry. If you add another judge to the Douglas County juvenile court system the way things are now, that new judge is superfluous, or that judge is going to render a piece of dead wood...

SENATOR DIERKS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...superfluous. The only reason that dead wood is not superfluous now is because there is work to be done and every now and then that dead wood stirs itself and may do a thing or two. And something is better than nothing, but not much better when the others have to do even more work. They know that this one is not pulling her load. Senator Hall, well, somebody, how many...how many district judges...I meant juvenile judges are in Lan...in Douglas County now, three?

SENATOR HALL: Three.